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1. The following information on the 2d Engr Regt in Pisek (N 50/ 2 69) was obtained from 1 October 1949 to 7 April 1950: (1)

a. Higher headquarters: Hq 1st MD

b. [REDACTED] The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd battalions carried, in addition, the letters L, K, and F respectively

c. Quarters: The entire regiment was stationed in Pisek. Regt Hq and 3rd Bn were located in the Ziska Barracks and 1st and 2d Bn in the Stefanik Barracks. Another headquarters, where an officer wearing Soviet uniform was repeatedly observed, was located in the Otava Barracks. (2)

d. Officers: CO: Colonel (Engr) Bohuslav Kruzik
Dpty CO: Lieutenant Colonel Kolar, (fnu)
C/S: Lieutenant Colonel Kulik, (fnu)
DOZ officers: Captain Kolar (fnu) and Senior Lieutenant Skrivan, (fnu)
Education Officer: Senior Lieutenant Vinohraski, (fnu)
Unknown duties: Major Valousek (fnu) and Captain Bohacek, (fnu)

e. Organization:

Regt Hq

1st Bn CO: Staff Captain Kovalcik, (fnu)
1st Co (vodni rota-water company)
3d Co (mine company)
3rd Co (bridge-construction company)

2d Bn CO: Staff Captain Valodna, (fnu)
4th Co (water company)
5th Co (mine company)
6th Co (bridge-construction company)

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3rd Bn CO: Staff Captain Tichy, (fnu)
7th Co CO: Senior Lieutenant Disman, (fnu)

Personnel: Drivers, motor mechanics and soldiers
specializing in various fields of engineer service.

8th Co CO: Captain Reznicek, (fnu)

Personnel: Signal men, flame-thrower operators
and motorized mortar crews

9th Co Type: NCO training unit (3)

f. Strength and personnel:

The 7th Co numbered about 240 soldiers. The 3rd Bn numbered about 650 men, according to a figure on the blackboard in the EM kitchen. About 75 percent were Slovaks, the others Czechs.

g. Clothing: Each soldier of the 7th Co had a fatigue uniform, a dress uniform and a semi-long quilted jacket of Soviet pattern.

h. Rations: New rations, **allocated according to the branch of service**, were introduced into the army in early 1950. Engineer troops were better fed than infantry troops.

i. Training: Russian language classes were obligatory in the 7th Co and held every other day. Instruction in counterintelligence was also given. (4)

2. The following information on the 4th Engr Regt in Bratislava (P 49/X 99) was known in September 1949 (5):

a. Superior headquarters: Hq 4th MD

b.

c. Disposition: Regt Hq and 7th Co in the Svatopluk Barracks, Bratislava I, 1st Bn in Petralka (P 49/X 99), 2d Bn in the Ostende Barracks, Petralka.

d. Officers: CO: Lieutenant Colonel Svozil, (fnu) who succeeded Major Matusek, (fnu), when he deserted in the late Summer 1949 (6)

Dpty CO: Staff Captain Lihan, (fnu)

C/S: Captain Lehotsky, (fnu)

e. Data on the 7th Co (parkova rota):

CO: Captain Roza, (fnu)

Personnel: More than 200 soldiers receiving special training

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as drivers, assistant drivers, motor mechanics, ordnance and maintenance personnel and signal-communication personnel.

Motor vehicles: Twenty-eight 3 to 5-ton Studebaker trucks; six Tatra trucks; five passenger cars; forty amphibious trucks of British origin, each for four men and 200 kg of cargo; twelve full-track armored ammunition carriers; eight half-track motor vehicles, including three or four with hoisting gear, of German origin; five or six MAN Diesel power shovels; and sixteen 250-cu.m. Jawa motorcycles. The company furnished the motor vehicles for the entire regiment.

3. The following information on the Motor Vehicle Repair Shop "AZ 2" in Zlatovce (F 49/T 48) was obtained up to March 1950

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- a. Commandant: Major Pivko, (fnu)
- b. Work force: five to seven hundred civilians.
- c. Type: Repair of all types of motor vehicles and armored vehicles of the armed forces. In addition, research and experimental work was conducted.
- d. Courses of instruction: More than 60 soldiers of all branches of service participated in a course for mechanics. Theoretical and practical training with all kinds of motors, including tank motors.
- e. A similar repair shop was located in Kosice (R 49/E 34).

Comments:

- (1) The data generally confirm and supplement a previous report
- (2) The Hq 3d Engr Regt is the only headquarters known in Pisek
- (3) The information on the 3rd Bn indicates that the battalion may be organized as follows:

7th Co:	Motor transport company (parkova rota)
8th Co:	Headquarters company
9th Co:	Replacement company (also conducting courses of instruction)

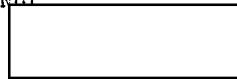
If this assumption were confirmed, it would imply that a Czech engineer regiment consists of only two engineer battalions while the third battalion is made up of the headquarters units.

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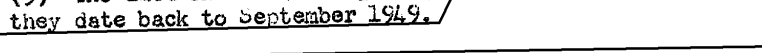
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(5) The data on the 4th Engr Regt are submitted although they date back to September 1949.



(6) Svozil has long been known as an engineer officer. He was CO of the 13th Engr Bn in Olomouc in January 1949.

(7) The information confirms the previously reported Motor Vehicle Repair Shop No 2 in Zlatovce near Trencin.



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